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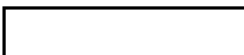
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM :



Acting National Intelligence Officer for
Conventional Forces

SUBJECT : Meeting with Congressman Rose

REFERENCE: NIE 4-1-78: "Warsaw Pact Concepts and Capabilities
for Going to War in Europe: Implications for NATO
Warning of War

1. I accompanied John Stein and Fred Hitz to the Hill today to brief Congressman Charles Rose and his staff on certain sensitive materials used to confirm judgments made in NIE 4-1-78. Mr. Stein explained the nature of the source and the reasons for protecting it. He offered to show Congressman Rose the material, but the Congressman declined and also decided against authorizing his staff to see it.

2. Congressman Rose asked me to explain the rationale for changing earlier warning estimates and the role of the sensitive material in bringing that change about. I described the basis for the earlier estimates and the considerations which entered into the preparation of the NIE. I was also asked how the Intelligence Community was able to judge the authenticity of the material in question, and I explained the congruence of that material with information from other sources that we had at our disposal.

3. The meeting lasted about half an hour. The Congressman and his staff expressed their satisfaction with the meeting. No commitments were made.



cc: Mr. Bowie
Mr. Stein
Mr. Hitz

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